METHOD FOR PROVIDING ADDRESS CHANGE NOTIFICATION IN AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE FORWARDING SYSTEM

This application is related to the following applications: Ser. 09/629,909, titled

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORWARDING ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, filed *(now abandoned)* July 31, 2000; Ser. 09/629,911, titled DYNAMIC ELECTRONIC FORWARDING *uo 10/31/05*

5 SYSTEM, filed July 31, 2000; Ser. 09/629,904, titled E-MAIL FORWARDING

SYSTEM HAVING ARCHIVAL DATABASE, filed July 31, 2000; Ser. 09/648,576,

titled REMOTE E-MAIL FORWARDING SYSTEM, filed August 28, 2000; Ser. *(now abandoned) uo 10/31/05*

09/751,490, titled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CLEANSING ADDRESSES FOR

ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, filed December 28, 2000; Ser.09/750,952, titled SYSTEM *(Now U.S. pat. No. 6,839,738) uo 10/31/05*

10 AND METHOD FOR CLEANSING ADDRESSES FOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, *(now U.S. pat. No. 6895,427)* *uo 10/31/05*

filed December 28, 2000; and Ser. 09/920,059 titled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

FORWARDING ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, filed August 1, 2001. The disclosures for *(Now U.S. pat. No. 6,957,248) uo 10/31/05*

each of the applications listed above are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

15 ## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a system and method for providing address

change notification to correspondents in connection with an e-mail forwarding system.

The e-mail forwarding system forwards e-mail messages intended to be initially delivered

to an obsolete or disfavored address to a chosen forwarding address associated with the

20 obsolete or disfavored e-mail address.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Recent advances in telecommunications networks have drastically altered the

manner in which people interact and conduct business. These advances promote

25 efficiency and convenience in one's ability to receive important information. With this in

mind, individuals and businesses today find that their physical and electronic addresses

are changing faster than ever with increased mobility and competing message delivery

services. Deregulation and privatization of the global postal systems, competing package

delivery services, and rapid growth of multiple competing electronic mail (e-mail)